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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- APPARENTLY PREPARING PUBLIC FOR ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC SETBACK, ALL MAJOR PAPERS JUNE 26 CARRIED BANGKOK-CNA REPORT ON THAI DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHEN TAI-PRC RELATIONS ANNOUNCED JULY 1. IT WAS TERMED SIMILAR STATEMENTS RELEASED EARLIER WHEN MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES ESTABLISHED PRC TIES. HOWEVER, MA CHI-CHUANG, ROC AMBASSADOR TO BANKOK, QUOTED AS SAYING ROC-THAI TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED; HE URGED OVERSEAS CHINESE IN THAILAND CONTRIBUTE TO THAILAND'S SECURITY AND PROSPERITY UNDER PROTECTION OF KING PHUMIPHOL AND THAI GOVERNMENT.

--ON BRIGHTER SIDE, MAJOR PAPERS QUOTED INFORMED GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS SAYING OIL-PROSPECTING RIG OFF KAOHSIUNG, JOINTLY MANAGED BY CHINA PETROLEUM, U.S. CONTINENTAL AND AMOCO, NEARING COMPLETION WITH HIGH POTENTIAL FOR RICH NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS.

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--NEW GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DIRECTOR DING MOU-SHIH STRESSED

AT OPENING SESSION OF FIRST TELEVISION CONFERENCE FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION IMPORTANCE OF TV ON TAIWAN. CURRENTLY, 2.5 MILLION SETS (ONE-THIRD COLOR) REACH 14 MILLION OF THE ISLAND'S 16 MILLION POPULATION. SOME 50 DELEGATES FROM SOUTH KOREA, U.S., PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, AUSTRALIA, KUWAIT AND HONG KONG ATTENDING WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY DR. HONGKEE KARL OF KOREA. --NEWSWEEK AND TIME INTERNATIONAL EDITIONS JUNE 21 BOTH CENSORED WITH OFFENDING PAGE REMOVED CARRYING STORIES ON PHILIPPINE TIES WITH PEKING INCLUDING PICTURE OF MARCOS AND MAO. TIME CONTENTS PAGE WITH MAO PIC INSET HAD FACE INKED OVER BUT PAGE RETAINED.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--GROC BEGINNING PLANS FOR NEW PERFORMING ARTS HALL IN MEMORY LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK. PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO UNDERSTANDABLY TAKING DEEP PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROJECT AND AS FIRST STEP IN PLANNING PROCESS SENT MESSENGER TO USIS TAIPEI LIBRARY FOR REFERENCE MATERIALS ON ORGANIZATION, PURPOSE AND DESIGN OF KENNEDY AND LINCOLN CENTERS. LIBRARY ABLE SUPPLY MATERIALS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND DETAILED INTRODUCTIONS TO THESE CENTERS AND THEIR ACTIVITES. REPRESENTATIVE FROM PREMIER'S OFFICE EMPHASIZED MATERIALS ARE FOR CAREFUL PERSONAL STUDY BY PREMIER BEFORE BEGINNING DEFINITE PLANS FOR NEW HALL.

--TAIPEI LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE AND PRESS SECTION DOING BOOMING BUSINESS IN RECENT WEEKS SUPPLYING JULY 4 MATERIALS TO LEADING LOCAL PERIODICALS FOR SPECIAL JULY 4 EDITIONS. INTEREST SEEMS STIMULATED BY BICENTENNIAL ASPECT. MATERIALS ALREADY SUPPLIED INCLUDE LEADING CHINESE-LANGUAGE DAILIES UNITED DAILY NEWS AND CENTRAL DAILY NEWS, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY CHINA POST AND SEVERAL MAGAZINES.

--DR. ALLYN VINE, CHIEF OCENOGRAPIHER, WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, LECTURED TO AUDIENCE OF 100 AT TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER ON "OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND INSTRUMENTATION METHODS." VINE USED SLIDES TO ILLUSTRATE EXPLANATION OF AIMS AND LATEST METHODS OF WOODS HOLE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AND EMPHASIZED HOW MUCH IS YET TO BE LEARNED ABOUT OCEAN'S DEPTHS. VINE INTRODUCED BY EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE TO AUDIENCE WHICH INCLUDED RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHINA PETROLUM CORPORATION'S OFFSHORE EXPLORATION DIVISION.

--DENNIS BROWN, AN ENGLISH TEACHER, TOLD ACAO ONE OF THIS STUDENTS, LIU K'UO-TSAI, VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE YUAN, IS AVID DIALOGUE READER. IN RECENT TUTORIAL CLASS, LIU PULLED OUT COPY OF DIALOGUE VOL. 8, 1975 NO. 1 AND ASKED BROWN DISCUSS WALTER MONDALE'S ARTICLE "TOWARD INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC SECURITY." BROWN SAID LIU FREQUENTLY BRINGS DIALOGUE
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